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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### SPECIAL STORM SANDY FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION ISSUE

#### MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER REVICZKY

With Storm Sandy, Connecticut faced yet another major weather event with significant impact. Since I became commissioner less than two years ago, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) has stepped up to meet its responsibilities at the state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), beginning with the record snowfalls of 2010-11, and continuing with Tropical Storm Irene, the 2011 October snow storm, and now Sandy.

Having DoAg in the room and at the table at the EOC is essential in completing the picture as impacts are assessed and response priorities triaged. Toward that end, my heartfelt thanks are extended to DoAg staff members who leave their families, homes, and properties during these threatening and dangerous times to ensure that the broader agricultural community is served. I especially want to recognize Wayne Kasacek, assistant director of the Bureau of Regulation and Inspection, the department's EOC manager during significant storm events. I also want to recognize the recent efforts of our Bureau of Aquaculture staff's work to prepare for and recover from Sandy.

In general, Connecticut fared better than our neighbors to the south. It is critical, however, that Connecticut agricultural producers report losses to the USDA Farm Service Agency. This information is vital as decision makers consider the impacts of this storm, the availability of programs and what steps need to be taken moving forward.

#### DOAG AG VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOV 16

Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced on Monday that the November 9, 2012, application deadline for the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Viability Grant has been extended one week as a result of Storm Sandy. Any application postmarked by November 16, 2012, will be accepted. Questions about the grant or deadline should be directed to Ron Olsen at 860-713-2550 or [Ronald.olsen@ct.gov](mailto:Ronald.olsen@ct.gov).

#### RECORD AND REPORT STORM LOSSES

Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky announced last week that the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) and the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) are partnering to assess damage and loss as a result of Storm Sandy. This information is critical and will inform policy makers and program coordinators on how to best serve the agricultural community.

Your local FSA office will be calling you for information if they have not done so already. If you have not talked with your local FSA representative yet, please reach out to them.

FSA recommends that owners and producers record all pertinent information of natural disaster consequences, including:

- Documentation of the number and kind of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;
- Dates of death supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
- Costs of transporting livestock to safer grounds or to move animals to new pastures;
- Feed purchases if supplies or grazing pastures are destroyed;
- Crop records, including seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records;
- Pictures of on-farm storage facilities that were destroyed by wind or flood waters;
- Evidence of damaged farmland.

USDA will continue working with DoAg, other state and local officials, and federal partners to make sure people have the necessary resources to recover from this challenge.

Information about federal crop insurance may be found at [www.rma.usda.gov](http://www.rma.usda.gov). Additional resources to help farmers and ranchers deal with flooding and other damage may be found at [www.usda.gov/disaster](http://www.usda.gov/disaster).

To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit [offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa](http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa).



**WHOLESALE HERBS  
U.S./INTERNATIONAL**

	Low	High
ARUGULA, 1lb, CA	7.00	7.00
BASIL, 1lb, HI	6.00	6.00
CLRY ROOT, 20lb, CN	18.00	24.00
CILANTRO, 30s, CA	11.00	12.00
DILL, 24s, TX	20.00	20.00
HRSRDSH, 5lb, MO	19.00	19.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

November 5, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-300 lbs	63.00-66.00
	300-400 lbs	64.00-66.00
45-49	220-270 lbs	60.00-63.00
	270-300 lbs	61.00-63.00
	300-400 lbs	60.50-63.00
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	47.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	56.00-59.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	15.00-17.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, November 5, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	22.00	28.00
61-75 lbs.	38.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	55.00	60.00
91-105 lbs.	62.50	65.00
106 lbs. & up	70.00	74.00
Farm Calves	80.00	90.00
Starter Calves	40.00	55.00
Veal Calves	50.00	130.00
Open Heifers	70.00	90.00
Beef Steers	65.00	80.00
Beef Heifers	70.00	76.00
Feeder Steers	75.00	125.00
Stock Bulls	95.00	145.00
Beef Bulls	79.00	97.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	one at	27.5
Butcher Hogs	60.00	90.00
Goats each	80.00	240.00
Kid Goats	n/a	n/a
Canners	Up to	70.00
Cutters	71.00	74.00
Utility Grade Cows	75.25	78.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	3.00	17.00
Chickens each	4.00	33.00
Ducks each	4.00	19.00
Feeder Pigs	45.00	55.00
Lambs	80.00	180.00
Sheep	85.00	190.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES  
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE, Cort bu, 2-3/4, xfcy	34.00	34.00
APPLE, Cort, bu, no grd	22.00	22.00
APPLE, Empr, 12/3	30.00	30.00
APPLE, Fuji, bu no grd	28.00	28.00
APPLE, Gala, 80ct, fcy	29.00	29.00
APPLE, Mac, 80ct, fcy	38.00	38.00
APPLE, Rd dl, 100ct, fcy	28.00	28.00
APPLE, Rome, bu, no grd	25.00	25.00
BROCCOLI, Cut, 20lb	12.00	14.00
BROCCOLI, 14ct	12.00	13.00
CABBAGE, Grn, bx	8.00	10.00
CABBAGE, Rd, 50lb	11.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Svy, bx	12.00	13.00
CIDER, 4/1gal	23.00	23.00
CIDER, 9 1/2gal	27.00	27.00
CRNBRRY, Ery blk, 24-12oz	36.00	36.00
KALE GRNS, crtn, 12-16	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Bstn, 12/4oz, gh	14.00	16.00
MUSTARD, Grn, crate	8.00	10.00
PARSNIPS, 25lb	24.00	24.00
PEAR, Bsc, 4/5 bu	31.00	32.00
POTATOES, 10lb, szA	1.90	1.90
POTATOES, 10/5lb	10.00	11.00
POTATOES, Chefs, 50lb	11.00	13.00
RUTABAGAS, 50lb	14.00	14.00
SQUASH, Acrn, bu	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Bttrcp, 1-1/9	16.00	17.00
SQUASH, Bttrnt, 1-1/9	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, Bttrnt, bin, per lb	.21	.23
SQUASH, Hbbrd, 40lb	11.00	12.00
SQUASH, Hbbrd, bin, per lb	.24	.30
SQUASH, Spghti, 1-1/9bu	14.00	15.00
TOMATOES, 10lb, hrlm, xl	15.00	20.00
TOMATOES, Vn ripe, 12lb, gh	26.00	26.00
TURNIP GRNS	8.00	10.00
TURNIPS, 25lb, Prpl top	8.00	9.00

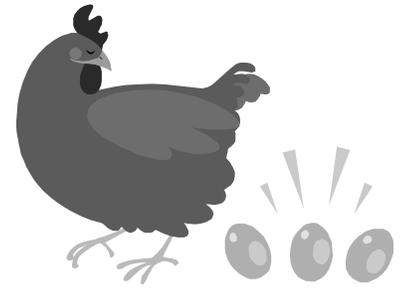
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

November 5, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>			
Breakers	75-80% lean		
	70.00-73.00	-73.00-74.50	- n/a
Boners	80-85% lean		
	68.00-70.00	n/a	62.00-65.00
Lean	85-90% lean		
	63.00-68.00	69.00-70.00	56.00-62.00
<b>CALVES: All prices per cwt.</b>			
Graded Bull Calves			
	No.1	95-125lbs	112.00-125.00
	No.2	95-130lbs	95.00-115.00
	No.3	95-110lbs	60.00-80.00
	Slaughter bulls	880--2150lb	- 89.00-95.00
	Holstein Heifers No.1	90-120lb	100.00-155.00
<b>SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:</b>			
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3			
	50-60lbs	140.00-155.00	
	60-70lbs	132.00-146.00	
	80-100lbs	126.00-138.00	
	90-110lbs	n/a	



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND  
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown eggs in cartons, delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.76-1.81
LARGE	1.60-1.64
MEDIUM	1.29-1.33

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

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Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. (Range)

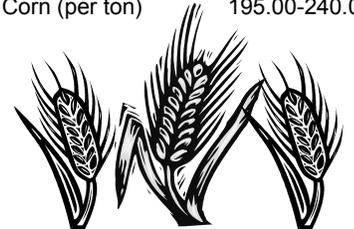
EXTRA LARGE	1.28-1.32
LARGE	1.26-1.30
MEDIUM	1.15-1.19

**PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN SUMMARY**

November 5, 2012

Eastern/Central Pennsylvania

Corn No 2 (per bu)	7.00-7.90
Wheat No 2 (per bu)	8.30-9.15
Oats No 2 (per bu)	3.25-4.90
Soybns No 2 (per bu)	14.00-15.65
Ear Corn (per ton)	195.00-240.00



Woolled & Shorn Good & Choice 1-3

50-60lbs	122.00-132.00
60-100lbs	116.00-134.00
110-130lbs	116.00-124.00

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh

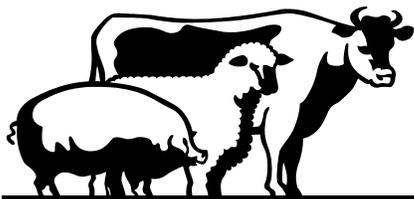
90-100lbs	72.00-78.00
100-150lbs	78.00-94.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
95-160lbs	-56.00-68.00
160--180lb	-68.00-78.00

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.

50-80lb	132.00-156.00
60-80lbs	140.00-172.00
80-110lbs	140.00-152.00
Nannies/Does: 100-160lbs	185.00-205.00
110lbs	142.00

130-150-155.00-175.00

Bucks/Billies: 130-140lbs	-202.00-214.00
160-190lbs	-224.00-234.00



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### DMV UPDATE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY STORM

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Commissioner Melody A. Currey announced that DMV's Telephone Call Center is available to provide information about the variety of DMV issues you may be facing or thinking about following Storm Sandy.

Contact the Call Center at 860-263-5700 (within Hartford area or outside of Connecticut) or 800-842-8222 (elsewhere in Connecticut). Hours with operators on duty are Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, a 24-hour automated answering system can provide information to many questions.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy has ordered the extension of all expiration dates and periods of validity for motor vehicle registrations, licenses, permits, certificates, and other forms of credentials issued by or on behalf of the DMV. These are extended until further notice to provide one less worry during this difficult time. The media and DMV website will advise when an end date is chosen for the extension.

All DMV branch offices are fully operational should residents wish to just drop in. Most emissions testing centers are also operational, but calling ahead to make an appointment is advised.

### AQUACULTURE HEADQUARTERS DAMAGED BY STORM

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Aquaculture suffered wind and water damage to its Milford headquarters during Storm Sandy.

Thanks to the thorough preparation taken by Aquaculture personnel, damage was limited to exterior shingles and siding and interior carpets and flooring. No records or laboratory equipment were lost or harmed in the flooding. Staff remained on site to safeguard the facility until high tide on Monday of the storm forced evacuation, and returned first thing Tuesday morning to assess damage and begin recovery. The office reopened the following day and all hands pitched in to remove damaged materials and facilitate repair work.



*Staff rip up damaged wall-to-wall carpeting and linoleum tiling*



*Important documents and records protected by thorough preparation*

### STATE WILL CONSIDER TAXPAYER HARDSHIP CLAIMS RELATED TO STORM SANDY

In consultation with Governor Dannel Malloy, Connecticut Commissioner of Revenue Services (DRS) Kevin Sullivan advises state taxpayers that the previously announced extension of state tax deadlines through the end of the business day on November 7, 2012, remains in place. State tax deadlines will not be affected by any IRS extensions for federal tax purposes.

However, Commissioner Sullivan also announced that Governor Malloy has asked the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) to provide a means for storm affected taxpayers to request hardship waivers on a case-by-case basis. DRS will post a waiver form and additional information on its website next week. Taxpayers and practitioners are asked to check the website at [www.ct.gov/DRS](http://www.ct.gov/DRS) for updates.

## GOVERNOR MALLOY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS

Governor Dannel P. Malloy has announced the opening of FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers in Bridgeport, Greenwich, New Haven, Old Saybrook, and Groton to assist home owners and businesses affected by Storm Sandy.

The Disaster Recovery Centers will be staffed with state and federal disaster recovery specialists, including representatives from the Small Business Administration, who will provide information and answer questions about disaster assistance programs.

Center locations and hours are as follows:

- Bridgeport: Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd. Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Greenwich: Western Greenwich Civic Center, Room 203, 449 Pemberwick Road. Monday—Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Groton: Groton Senior Center, 102 Newtown Road. Monday—Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- New Haven: Long Wharf Campus, Gateway Community College, 60 Sargent Drive. Monday—Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Old Saybrook: Department of Police Services, 6 Custom Drive. Monday—Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

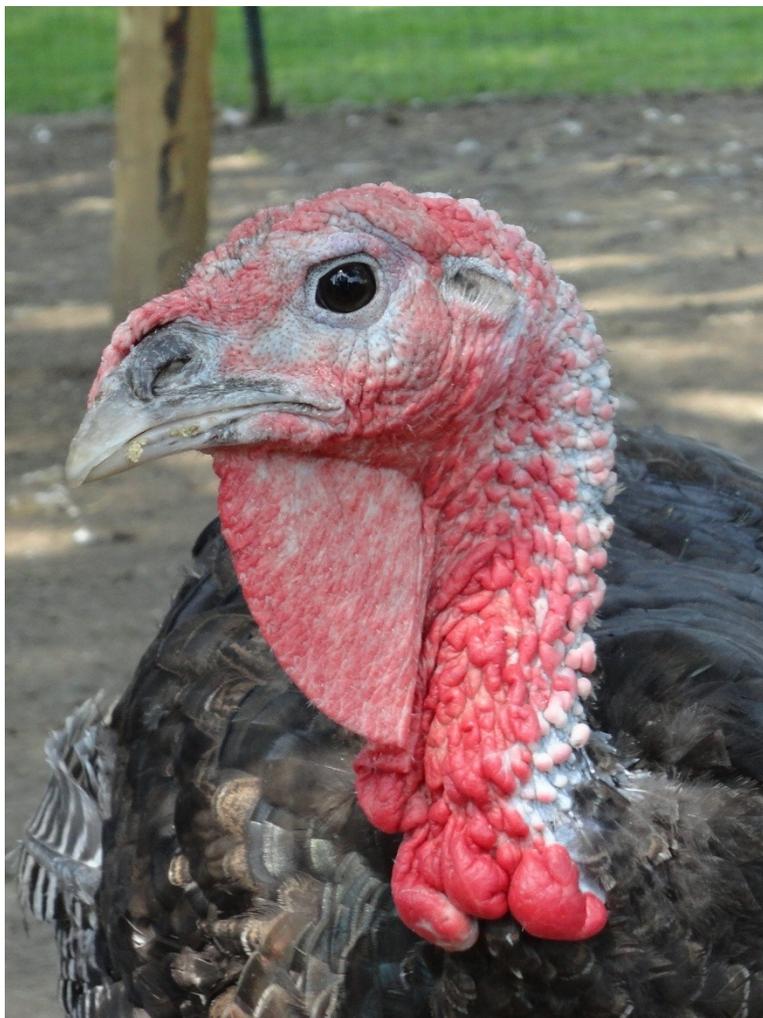
## DCP ADVICE FOLLOWING STORM SANDY

Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) Commissioner William M. Rubenstein announced that as a result of Hurricane Sandy, holders of licenses and registrations due to expire by October 31 will have a grace period to November 15 to pay their renewal fees without incurring a late fee.

Consumers who have complaints about suspected price gouging are encouraged to file a complaint at [dcp.foodandstandards](http://dcp.foodandstandards.com) for gasoline and fuel complaints. Suspected price gouging complaints on any other product should be filed at [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp) (see "Complaint Center") or by calling 800-842-2649.

Homeowners are reminded that all home improvement and repairs should be done only by a home improvement contractor registered to do work in the State of Connecticut. It is safest to avoid doing business with contractors who show up uninvited. Workers such as plumbers and electricians require a professional license. DCP offers complete home improvement recommendations on its website at [www.ct.gov/dcp](http://www.ct.gov/dcp).

The Connecticut Bar Association has established a free emergency hotline service to provide insurance advice on a pro bono basis to disaster victims in Connecticut. A free emergency hotline service is staffed by members of the Connecticut Bar Association who are knowledgeable in insurance matters. As an initial matter, calls or email inquiries will be answered by CBA staff and then referred to attorney volunteers. These inquiries can be made at any time and the CBA will attempt to have an attorney respond within 24 hours. The call-in number is 866-209-5099 and the email address is [hotline@ctbar.org](mailto:hotline@ctbar.org).



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